

Words With Reasons

Teacher-led practice with audience, purpose, and useful words.

1.P.ST.2.a "Develop and apply knowledge of author, audience, and context to discern and establish the purpose of texts being interpreted or constructed and to evaluate the extent to which those texts achieve those purposes. (I/C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 WHY WRITE? _____

a	Help	Fun	Teach
b	Fun	Help	Teach
c	Teach	Fun	Help

2 BEST WORDS _____

a	Clean	Dance	Sleep
b	Giggle	Return	Color
c	Wash	Listen	Play

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each situation and every choice aloud. Students listen for the author, the audience, and the reason for the words, then mark the choice that fits. In the second part, students decide which word best helps an author do a job for an audience.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • WHY WRITE?

SAY “Authors make words for a reason. I will tell you about an author and the people who will hear the words. Listen to the choices, then circle the reason that fits best.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A nurse makes a note for a child with a scraped knee. She wants the child to know where to go. Is her reason Help, Fun, or Teach? Which one will you circle?	Help
b	A librarian makes a page that tells children how to care for library books. Is the reason Fun, Help, or Teach? Which one will you circle?	Teach
c	A child makes a silly rhyme for classmates to laugh. Is the reason Teach, Fun, or Help? Which one will you circle?	Fun

PART 2 • BEST WORDS

SAY “Now listen for the author’s job and audience. I will read the words in each row. Circle the word that would do the best job.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A teacher makes a sign for first graders to put crayons away. Which word does the best job on the sign: Clean, Dance, or Sleep? Which one will you circle?	Clean
b	A librarian wants children to bring borrowed books back. Which word does the best job on a reminder: Giggle, Return, or Color? Which one will you circle?	Return
c	A student writes an invitation for classmates at recess. She wants them to join a game. Which word does the best job: Wash, Listen, or Play? Which one will you circle?	Play

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are Help, Teach, Fun. Part 2 answers are Clean, Return, Play. Accept only the circled choice that matches the stated author, audience, and purpose.